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Reading, Pa. 19606-3410

7/21/2019

Dear Secretary of the PUC,

I am writing to state my opposition to the sale of the Exeter Township Waste Water Treatment Plant to Pennsylvania American Water (PAAW) docket # A-2018-3004933.

I am opposed to this settlement mainly because PAAW has indicated that they will increase rates by up to 80%!! This is an outrageous increase, they are simply passing their cost of buying the plant to the residents with no cost to them. I know that I cannot afford to pay an increase such as that because I am now footing the bills for this property entirely by myself since both my parents passed in the first quarter of 2017 and I am sure that I am not the only person/family in this situation. Exeter Township is comprised of many middle class working people such as myself. Due to the school property tax (the third highest in Berks County) and property taxes and now this 80% increase to my sewer bill I very fearful of having to relocate from the house that I have lived in for 40 years.

Even if the township were to keep the plant and perform the needed upgrades that they claim are necessary I highly doubt that those upgrades would cost \$92 million dollars. And why was the plant left to deteriorate to the point that so much major maintenance is now needed, why was the plant not kept up to par all along?

The township supervisors held a meeting regarding this proposed sale and only 40 people attended and there weren't even enough handouts for the number of seats in the meeting room. That is 40 out of a population of over 25,000. Clearly, other meetings should have been scheduled to adequately inform the residents of this proposed sale. The video of the meeting was posted on the township website for a while, but it has since been removed. Why?

Also, the township manager, John Granger, is an officer of a private corporation called BG Wastewater Management. This has never been officially disclosed to the township residents. Granger is listed as the Treasurer. The other person in the title of the corp (the B) is Steve Babylon who is listed as the President. Babylon has worked in the past as a director for EEMA, the company running the sewer plant which to date has been paid over one million dollars. EEMA was hired to run the plant and prepare it for sale. And when EEMA took over the plant they fired all the experienced plant workers and replace them with EEMA employees. Babylon also worked as a director at PAAW. I believe that there are too many conflicts of interest to be a coincidence.

In conclusion, I believe that the the residents of Exeter Township were not adequately informed about this transaction and that there is sufficient conflict of interest to warrant an investigation before this settlement is allowed to transpire.

Sincerely,



Kyle B. Kemp

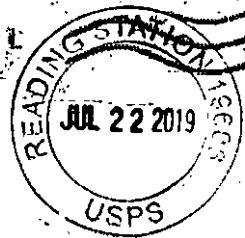
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